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## RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT **DATED May 25, 2004**

Technology Center 2600

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Date: June 23, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Requirement for an Election of Species Requirement dated May 25, 2004, the applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Species I, the first embodiment described in pages 8-15 of the specification. Claims 1-4 and 9 are readable upon Species I. The applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

The applicants respectfully request an early examination on the elected claims and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with regard to this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time.

The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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